

World's Largest Textile Garage Sale - Volunteer Jobs & Descriptions

Category CAPTAIN – directs other volunteers, need essential knowledge of a specific textile category (such as, fabric, yarn, notions, tools, unfinished objects, equipment, etc.). Some CAPTAINS direct activities in other areas such as, Donation Drop-off, Zero Waste, etc.

Sorters & Pricers – under the direction of a category CAPTAIN, sorts or prices donations. Familiarity with the category, (such as, fabric, yarn, notions, tools, equipment, etc.) essential.

Runners – move carts of donated items from receiving area to category areas, familiarity with category helpful.

Greeters/Ticket Takers – greets shoppers, collect admission fee, and hand-stamp for re-entry, hand out bags for bag sale.

Floor Helpers – straighten-up items, answer questions, help tally purchases, prior to check-out, as needed.

Shopping “Stash” Monitor – monitors area where shoppers may hold items prior to purchase (similar to a coat check).

Volunteer’s Welcome Desk –check-in volunteers as they arrive and provide general information for volunteers, directs them to their area.

Photographer – must have own digital camera will take photographs during the event at times such as pre-sale, preview party and throughout the garage sale.

Silent Auction Assistant - General & Weaving/Loom Expert – general assistants will work with CAPTAIN to set-up, monitor silent auction items and activity. Weaving/Loom expert will provide advice on pricing items, provide information and answer shopper questions.

Cashier Assistants/Baggers – assist cashiers, tally shopper’s purchases. Help place purchased items into bags and direct shoppers to Loaders to move purchases to shopper’s cars.

Loaders – assist shoppers move purchased items to their cars and load, as needed.

Zero Waste Assistants – under direction of Zero Waste CAPTAIN, repurposes, recycles, and manages incoming bags/boxes. At the end of the sale collects and sorts waste into appropriate zero waste receptacles.

Set-up & Tear Down/Clean-up – help with set-up and take down at beginning and end of garage sale. Set-up on Thursday, place tables/shelves to display items in each area. On Saturday afternoon bag up remaining items. Work with Zero Waste volunteers to dispose properly of items for further donation or reuse. Gather Textile Center owned items (tables, supplies, etc.) for return to TC.